

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the final Office Action dated May 6, 2005 and the references cited therein, and the Advisory Action dated August 18, 2005. Applicant provides this response in a sincere effort to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claim 7-10, 13-14, 19-22 and 24 while objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, Claims 26 and 30 have been deemed allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, and include limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 31 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection set forth in the Office Action. Furthermore, Claim 32 is allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges this indication of allowable subject matter.

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has amended the claims to take advantage of the allowable subject matter. Specifically, Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form by amending Claim 1 to include the features of Claim 7. Claim 7 has therefore been cancelled.

Independent Claim 11 has been amended to include the features of Claim 20, and Claim 20 has been cancelled.

Independent Claim 23 has been amended to include the features of Claims 25 and 26. Therefore, Claims 25 and 26 have been cancelled.

Claim 27 has been cancelled.

Independent Claim 28 has been amended to include the features of Claims 29 and 30, and Claims 29 and 30 have been cancelled. As a result of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submit that the independent claims and the claims that depend therefrom patentably distinguish over the references of record.

Claim 31 has been amended in order to address the §112, second paragraph rejection. As a result of this Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 31 complies with §112, second paragraph requirements and is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has cancelled Claim 31.

Applicant has added new Claims 34-36. Claim 34 includes the features of Claim 1 and Claims 4 and 10. In addition, Applicant has deleted the word "base" from line 10 thereof in order to address the concern of the Examiner noted in the Advisory Action. Claim 35 includes the features of Claims 11 and 13. Claim 36 includes the elements of Claims 23 and 24.

As these above-noted combination of claims has been deemed allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 34-36 are in condition for allowance.

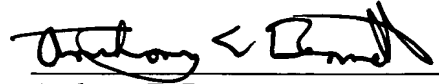
The Examiner has objected to Claims 7-9, 13-14 and 26 based on informalities. The elements of Claim 26 have been incorporated into amended Claim 23 and in doing so, Applicant has addressed the informalities of Claim 26. In that Claim 26 has been cancelled and new Claim 23 addresses these concerns, Applicant respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 15, 19 and 23-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has noted various instances in the claims where there is a lack of sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant submits that through this amendment the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in compliance with §112, second paragraph.

As a result of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance and therefore entry of this Amendment is respectfully solicited. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that the application with Claims 1-6, 8-19, 21-24, 28, 31, 32, and 34-36 be moved toward allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful in moving this case towards allowance, she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number set forth below.

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